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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: Soviet Interest in Kosygin Visit to UN or US

In connection with Gromyko's meeting with the President, you should be aware of reporting from our Embassy in Ottawa (Tab A) to the effect that Premier Kosygin might be interested in visiting the UN and or meeting with highest US officials (this was highlighted in this morning's CIB).

-- On August 30 (a month ago), the Soviets inquired whether the Canadians would be unhappy if Kosygin were to visit the UN in New York after leaving Canada.

-- The following day a Canadian official said that the Soviets were showing great interest in the American reaction to the Kosygin visit.

-- Finally, the Canadian Ambassador in Moscow pointed out Kosygin's strong desire to visit Niagara Falls, and speculated this interest might be motivated by a desire to provide an opportunity to meet with highest US officials in a convenient locale.

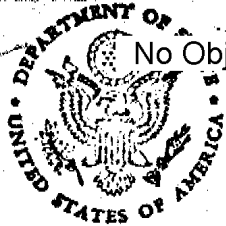
While what has been reported by the Canadians is thin, the logic of the situation does raise the question of Kosygin attending the UN, and, should he do so, whether he should then be invited to Washington.

FYI, Kosygin will visit Niagara on October 25 as a side trip from Toronto and departs Canada on October 27; if he goes to the UN it would be then.

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE KOSYGIN INTEREST IN VISIT TO UN

REF: A. MEMCON RITCHIE/SMITH AUGUST 30, B. MEMCON
HOOPER/JOHNSTONE SEPT 1, C. OTTAWA 1466

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL VAGUE INDICATIONS
PREMIER KOSYGIN MAY BE INTERESTED IN VISIT TO UNITED
NATIONS AND/OR MEETINGS WITH HIGHEST US OFFICIALS
DURING OR AFTER FORTHCOMING VISIT TO CANADA. WE SUMMARIZE
THEM HEREWITH AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO
THE DEPT.

A. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM AUG 30, EXTAFF UNDER SECY
RITCHIE SAID SOVIETS HAD ASKED "WHETHER OR NOT
THE CANADIANS WOULD BE UNHAPPY IF KOSYGIN WERE TO VISIT
THE UN IN NEW YORK AFTER LEAVING CANADA." (THE
CANADIANS HAD REPLIED THAT THEY WOULD BE QUITE PLEASED).

B. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEP 1, HOOPER, EXTAFF SOVIET
DESK OFFICER, SAID SOVIETS SHOWING GREAT CURIOSITY AS
TO US REACTION TO KOSYGIN VISIT TO CANADA.
HE SAID SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS INQUIRED AS TO US REACTION
AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

C. IN MEETING SEPT 21 HOOPER ALLOWED EMBOFF TO
READ ANALYSIS PREPARED BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO SOVIET
UNION ON KOSYGIN VISIT. IN HIS ANALYSIS CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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NIAGARA FALLS AND SPECULATED THIS INTEREST MIGHT BE
MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
HIGHEST US OFFICIALS IN CONVENIENT LOCALE.

D. SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF KOSYGIN VISIT PRESS
SPECULATED PREMIER MIGHT DESIRE VISIT UN.
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